

Connecticut Town Profile Data Sources

Demographics (page 1)

Variable: **Population**

Geographic Region: Town, County, State Data Source: Census; American FactFinder
Year: 2000
Source URL: <http://factfinder.census.gov>
Defined: 10 year census data.

Variable: **Population**

Geographic Region: Town, County, State Data Source: CERC DataFinder; Applied Geographic Solutions
Year: 2010
Source URL: <http://www.cerc.com/detpages/services500.html>
Defined: Current data year estimate of total population in municipality.

Variable: **Population Projected**

Geographic Region: Town, County, State Data Source: CERC DataFinder; Applied Geographic Solutions
Year: 2015
Source URL: <http://www.cerc.com/detpages/services500.html>
Defined: Forecast of total population in municipality.

Variable: **Median Age of Population**

Geographic Region: Town, County, State Data Source: CERC DataFinder; Applied Geographic Solutions
Year: 2010
Source URL: <http://www.cerc.com/detpages/services500.html>
Defined: The median age of the town's population. (Median is middle of sorted set.)

Variable: **Number of Households**

Geographic Region: Town, County, State Data Source: CERC DataFinder; Applied Geographic Solutions
Year: 2010
Source URL: <http://www.cerc.com/detpages/services500.html>
Defined: Estimated number of households in the town for current data year.

Variable: **White Population**

Geographic Region: Town, County, State Data Source: CERC DataFinder; Applied Geographic Solutions
Year: 2010
Source URL: <http://www.cerc.com/detpages/services500.html>
Defined: Current year estimate of white population in municipality.

Variable: **Black Population**

Geographic Region: Town, County, State Data Source: CERC DataFinder; Applied Geographic Solutions
Year: 2010
Source URL: <http://www.cerc.com/detpages/services500.html>
Defined: Current year estimate of black population in municipality.

Variable: **Asian/Pacific Population**

Geographic Region: Town, County, State Data Source: CERC DataFinder; Applied Geographic Solutions
Year: 2010
Source URL: <http://www.cerc.com/detpages/services500.html>
Defined: Current year estimate of Asian or Pacific Islander population in municipality.

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Variable: **Hispanic Population (any race)**

Geographic Region: Town, County, State Data Source: CERC DataFinder; Applied Geographic Solutions
Year: 2010
Source URL: <http://www.cerc.com/detpages/services500.html>
Defined: Current year estimate of hispanic population of any race in municipality. NOTE: Hispanic can be any race.

Variable: **Native American Population**

Geographic Region: Town, County, State Data Source: CERC DataFinder; Applied Geographic Solutions
Year: 2010
Source URL: <http://www.cerc.com/detpages/services500.html>
Defined: Current year estimate of American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut population in municipality.

Variable: **All Other Population Ethnicities**

Geographic Region: Town, County, State Data Source: CERC DataFinder; Applied Geographic Solutions
Year: 2010
Source URL: <http://www.cerc.com/detpages/services500.html>
Defined: Current year estimate of the population in municipality of all other ethnicities.

Variable: **Mediam Household Income**

Geographic Region: Town, County, State Data Source: CERC DataFinder; Applied Geographic Solutions
Year: 2010
Source URL: <http://www.cerc.com/detpages/services500.html>
Defined: Median household income town. (Median is middle of sorted set.)

Variable: **Population with Some College**

Geographic Region: Town, State Data Source: CERC DataFinder; Applied Geographic Solutions
Year: 2010
Defined: People in town with some college and share of pop >25 yrs old

Variable: **Population with High School Degree**

Geographic Region: Town, State Data Source: CERC DataFinder; Applied Geographic Solutions
Year: 2010
Defined: People in town with high school degree and share of pop >25 yrs old

Variable: **Population with College Degree**

Geographic Region: Town, State Data Source: CERC DataFinder; Applied Geographic Solutions
Year: 2010
Defined: People in town with at least a college degree and share of pop >25 yrs old

Variable: **Poverty Rate**

Geographic Region: Town, County, State Data Source: Census; American Community Survey 2005-09
Year: 2009
Source URL: <http://factfinder.census.gov>
Defined: The number of people living below the poverty level as a percentage of total population in a given area. The poverty level varies by family size. The official definition of income includes money income before taxes and excludes capital gains.

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Economics (page 1)

Variable: Business Profile by Industry Sector

Geographic Region: Town Data Source: D&B Sales & Marketing Solutions

Year: 2005

Defined: Estimates from private vendor on the employment and establishment counts for the given industry in the town. Based on a town by Zip code extract. Supplemental data for Union and Lisbon from towns and vendor. Establishments with 2+ employees.

Variable: Top Five Grand List

Geographic Region: Town Data Source: CERC (Collected from Muni. Assessors)

Year: 2009

Defined: Names and values for 5 largest property owners in the municipality.

Variable: Total Retail Sales

Geographic Region: Town, State Data Source: CT Dept. of Revenue Services

Year: 2007

Source URL: http://www.ct.gov/drs/taxonomy/ct_taxonomy.asp?DLN=40821&drsNav=|40821|

Defined: Total number of all outlets from the State Department of Revenue Services.

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Variable: Students in District

Geographic Region: District, State Data Source: CT Office of Policy and Management; Municipal Fiscal Indicators Database

Year: 2009

Source URL: <http://www.csde.state.ct.us/public/der/datacentral/multiplesearch.asp>

Defined: Total number of Students in school district.

Variable: Students in Lower Level in District

Geographic Region: District, State Data Source: CT Dept. of Education; School Profiles

Year: 2009

Source URL: <http://www.csde.state.ct.us/public/der/datacentral/multiplesearch.asp>

Defined: Number of students who attend the lower level schools in the town or district.

Variable: Students in Town in Upper Level in District

Geographic Region: District, State Data Source: CT Dept. of Education; School Profiles

Year: 2009

Source URL: <http://www.csde.state.ct.us/public/der/datacentral/multiplesearch.asp>

Defined: Number of students who attend the upper level schools in the town or district.

Variable: Mastery Test Scores in Connecticut

Geographic Region: District, State Data Source: CT Dept. of Education; School Profiles

Year: 2009

Defined: Percentage of students in given grade meeting state goal for CT mastery test in specified subject.

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Variable: **Average Class Size**

Geographic Region: District, State Data Source: CT Dept. of Education; School Profiles

Year: 2009

Source URL: <http://www.csde.state.ct.us/public/der/datacentral/multiplesearch.asp>

Defined: Average Class sizes for given grade.

Variable: **Average Verbal SAT Scores**

Geographic Region: District, State Data Source: CT Dept. of Education; School Profiles

Year: 2009

Source URL: <http://www.csde.state.ct.us/public/der/datacentral/multiplesearch.asp>

Defined: Average SAT scores in math and reading for district and state.

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Government (page 2)

Variable: **Total Revenues**

Geographic Region: Town Data Source: CT Office of Policy & Mgmt; Municipal Fiscal Indicators Database

Year: 2009

Source URL: <http://www.opm.state.ct.us/igp/MUNFINSR/fi95str2.HTM>

Defined: The total revenues in the municipal government budget.

Variable: **Tax Revenues**

Geographic Region: Town Data Source: CT Office of Policy & Mgmt; Municipal Fiscal Indicators Database

Year: 2009

Source URL: <http://www.opm.state.ct.us/igp/MUNFINSR/fi95str2.HTM>

Defined: The amount of the municipal government's revenue from taxes.

Variable: **Non-Tax Revenues**

Geographic Region: Town Data Source: CT Office of Policy & Mgmt; Municipal Fiscal Indicators Database

Year: 2009

Source URL: <http://www.opm.state.ct.us/igp/MUNFINSR/fi95str2.HTM>

Defined: The value of the revenues to the municipal government from sources other than municipal taxes.

Variable: **Intergovernmental Revenues**

Geographic Region: Town Data Source: CT Office of Policy & Mgmt; Municipal Fiscal Indicators Database

Year: 2009

Source URL: <http://www.opm.state.ct.us/igp/MUNFINSR/fi95str2.HTM>

Defined: Intergovernmental revenues include all revenue received by a municipality from federal and state sources.

Variable: **Total Expenditures**

Geographic Region: Town Data Source: CT Office of Policy & Mgmt; Municipal Fiscal Indicators Database

Year: 2009

Source URL: <http://www.opm.state.ct.us/igp/MUNFINSR/fi95str2.HTM>

Defined: All expenditures as reported in the general fund.

Variable: **Education Expenditures**

Geographic Region: Town Data Source: CT Office of Policy & Mgmt; Municipal Fiscal Indicators Database

Year: 2009

Source URL: <http://www.opm.state.ct.us/igp/MUNFINSR/fi95str2.HTM>

Defined: Expenditures by municipal government on education.

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Variable: Non-Education Expenditures

Geographic Region: Town Data Source: CT Office of Policy & Mgmt; Municipal Fiscal Indicators Database

Year: 2009

Source URL: <http://www.opm.state.ct.us/igp/MUNFINSR/fi95str2.HTM>

Defined: Total expenditures not on education or debt service by municipal government.

Variable: Indebtedness

Geographic Region: Town Data Source: CT Office of Policy & Mgmt; Municipal Fiscal Indicators Database

Year: 2009

Source URL: <http://www.opm.state.ct.us/igp/MUNFINSR/fi95str2.HTM>

Defined: Total indebtedness of municipality.

Variable: Annual Debt Service

Geographic Region: Town Data Source: CT Office of Policy & Mgmt; Municipal Fiscal Indicators Database

Year: 2009

Source URL: <http://www.opm.state.ct.us/igp/MUNFINSR/fi95str2.HTM>

Defined: Debt service is the amount of principal and interest paid annually on all the municipality's long-term bonds and notes. It does not include payments made by proprietary fund types on their debt.

Variable: Equalized Net Grand List

Geographic Region: Town Data Source: CT Office of Policy & Mgmt; Municipal Fiscal Indicators Database

Year: 2007

Source URL: <http://www.opm.state.ct.us/igp/MUNFINSR/fi95str2.HTM>

Defined: The equalized net grand list is the estimate of the market value of all taxable property in the municipality. Municipalities historically revalue their grand lists every 10 years; thus, there can be a marked difference between the market value of all property and the assessed value. Connecticut's Office of Policy and Management (OPM) calculates this data from sales and assessment ratio information and grand list reports filed by the municipality.

Variable: Bond Rating (Moody's)

Geographic Region: Town Data Source: CT Office of Policy & Mgmt; Municipal Fiscal Indicators Database

Year: 2009

Source URL: <http://www.opm.state.ct.us/igp/MUNFINSR/fi95str2.HTM>

Defined: Municipality bond rating value. An evaluation by a credit-rating agency of the municipality's credit risk. The majority of municipalities have their bond issues rated by Moody's Investor Service. Most bonds covered by municipal bond insurance are assigned AAA ratings regardless of the municipality's underlying fiscal condition. A rating for municipalities with only insured bonds is not shown. A municipality's bonds may be rated by more than one rating agency. The three major rating agencies are Moody's Investor Services, Standard and Poor's Corp. and Fitch IBCA.

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Variable: Actual Mill Rate

Geographic Region: Town Data Source: CT Office of Policy & Mgmt; Municipal Fiscal Indicators Database

Year: 2007

Source URL: <http://www.opm.state.ct.us/igp/MUNFINSR/fi95str2.HTM>

Defined: The mill rate is the rate of taxation levied on property subject to taxation under Connecticut General Statutes. One mill is equal to 1/1000 of a dollar. Generally, mill rates of special taxing districts located within the municipalities are not included.

Variable: Equalized Mill Rate

Geographic Region: Town Data Source: CT Office of Policy & Mgmt; Municipal Fiscal Indicators Database

Year: 2007

Source URL: <http://www.opm.state.ct.us/igp/MUNFINSR/fi95str2.HTM>

Defined: The Equalized Mill Rate or the Effective Tax Rate, is calculated by dividing the adjusted tax levy, as presented in the municipality's Tax Collector's Report, by the Equalized Net Grand List. A Mill Rate is the amount of taxes per \$1,000 assessed value on the grand list.

Variable: % of Grand List Com/Ind

Geographic Region: Town Data Source: CT Office of Policy & Mgmt; Municipal Fiscal Indicators Database

Year: 2007

Source URL: <http://www.opm.state.ct.us/igp/MUNFINSR/fi95str2.HTM>

Defined: The commercial component of the municipal grand list.

Housing and Real Estate (page 2)

Variable: Median Housing Price and Counts

Geographic Region: Town, County, State Data Source: CT Office of Policy and Management; Real Estate Database

Year: 2007

Defined: The median price of all single family houses sold in town. (Only 3/4 twns per yr. 129 of 169 due to reval)

Variable: Housing Stock

Geographic Region: Town, County, State Data Source: CT Dept. of Econ. & Community Dev.

Year: 2009

Source URL: <http://www.state.ct.us/e.cd/research/ceis/housing/housing.html>

Defined: The number of housing units in the town.

Variable: Single Family Housing Stock (Share of total)

Geographic Region: Town, County, State Data Source: CT Dept. of Econ. & Community Dev.

Year: 2009

Source URL: <http://www.state.ct.us/e.cd/research/ceis/housing/housing.html>

Defined: The number of single family housing units in the town.

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Variable: New Permits

Geographic Region: Town, County, State Data Source: CT Dept. of Econ. & Community Dev.
Year: 2009
Source URL: <http://www.state.ct.us/e.cd/research/ceis/housing/housing.html>
Defined: The number of new housing permits issued by the town.

Variable: New Permits per Total Housing Stock

Geographic Region: Town, County, State Data Source: CT Dept. of Econ. & Community Dev.
Year: 2009
Source URL: <http://www.state.ct.us/e.cd/research/ceis/housing/housing.html>
Defined: The number of new housing permits issued by the town.

Variable: Demolitions of Housing Units

Geographic Region: Town, County, State Data Source: CT Dept. of Econ. & Community Dev.
Year: 2009
Source URL: <http://www.state.ct.us/e.cd/research/ceis/housing/housing.html>
Defined: The number of demolitions issued by the town.

Variable: Number of Houses Built Before 1950

Geographic Region: Town, County, State Data Source: Census
Year: 2000
Defined: Number of houses built before 1950.

Variable: Owner Occupied Housing Units

Geographic Region: Town, County, State Data Source: U.S. Census, American Community Survey
Year: 2009
Defined: Number of owner occupied dwellings in the town.

Variable: Subsidized Housing Units

Geographic Region: Town, County, State Data Source: CT Dept. of Econ. & Community Dev.
Year: 2008
Defined: Number of subsidized housing units.

Labor Force (page 2)

Variable: Labor Force

Geographic Region: Town, County, State Data Source: CT Dept. of Labor
Year: 2009
Source URL: <http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/lmidata.htm>
Defined: Total number of people in the town who are of working age who are able and willing to work.

Variable: Labor Force Employed

Geographic Region: Town, County, State Data Source: CT Dept. of Labor
Year: 2009
Source URL: <http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/lmidata.htm>
Defined: Total number of people in the town who are employed.

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Variable: Labor Force Unemployed

Geographic Region: Town, County, State Data Source: CT Dept. of Labor

Year: 2009

Source URL: <http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/lmidata.htm>

Defined: Total number of people in the town who are unemployed.

Variable: Unemployment Rate

Geographic Region: Town, County, State Data Source: CT Dept. of Labor

Year: 2009

Source URL: <http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/lmidata.htm>

Defined: Share of people in the town who are unemployed relative to total labor force in town.

Variable: Employment Growth

Geographic Region: Town, County, State Data Source: CT Dept. of Labor

Year: 2009

Source URL: <http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/lmidata.htm>

Defined: Number of jobs in the town.

Variable: Employment

Geographic Region: Town, County, State Data Source: CT Dept. of Labor

Year: 2009

Source URL: <http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/lmidata.htm>

Defined: Number of jobs in the town.

Variable: Manufacturing Employment

Geographic Region: Town, County, State Data Source: CT Dept. of Labor

Year: 2009

Source URL: <http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/lmidata.htm>

Defined: Number of manufacturing jobs in the town. (Note: "n.a." Data suppressed by CT Dept. of Labor.)

Variable: Commuters into Town from

Geographic Region: Town Data Source: U.S. Census; American FactFinder

Year: 2000

Source URL: <http://factfinder.census.gov>

Defined: Count of commuters who reside in identified town and commute into the town being profiled.

Variable: Commuters-Town Residents Commuting to

Geographic Region: Town Data Source: U.S. Census; American FactFinder

Year: 2000

Source URL: <http://factfinder.census.gov>

Defined: Count of commuters who reside in town being profiled and commute to identified towns.

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Quality of Life (page 2)

Variable: **Banks**

Geographic Region: Town, State Data Source: CT Dept. of Banks; FDIC

Year: 2007

Source URL: <http://www2.fdic.gov/idasp/>

Defined: Count of banks in the town registered with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Variable: **Serious Crime Rate**

Geographic Region: Town, State Data Source: CT Dept. of Public Safety

Year: 2009

Defined: Number serious crimes per 100,000 people in the town.

Variable: **Volumes in Library**

Geographic Region: Town Data Source: CT State Library

Year: 2010

Defined: The number of library volumes circulated in a given year.

Variable: **Library Circulation per Capita**

Geographic Region: Town Data Source: CT State Library

Year: 2010

Defined: The number of library volumes circulated in a given year divided by the number of people in the town.

Variable: **Percent of Open Land**

Geographic Region: Town, State Data Source: CT Dept. of Environmental Protection

Year: 1990

Defined: The percent of the total land that was classified as open land in 1990.

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